

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Instead of putting the General Elk tags in the draw, you should make hunters choose to hunt only one species. Bull Elk or Buck Deer, not both. Also if you buy a Bull Elk Tag, or Draw a Buck Deer tag, you can't put in and draw an Antler less Elk tag.

Also:

Please make these changes to the dedicated hunter program.

Only 1 buck harvest in the 3 year period.

\$300 price for the 3 year period.

Continue with the current service project requirements.

With the deer population suffering, and tag reductions, I believe we need to make these changes to the dedicated hunter program. Dedicated hunters, should be more selective with the animals they harvest. These new requirements should appeal to those selective hunters.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 2, 2021 5:10 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I could not disagree any more than I do with putting the general season elk permits into a draw system. This is the one single over the counter big game hunting opportunity that remains in this state, and now the DWR wants to take it away because their system is insufficient and previous management decisions have put an extra strain on the permit sale system.

If the system is overloaded with people wanting permits, that is a good thing. The problem is not the demand. The problem is the system itself. If you want to reduce the strain, then you fix the system where there is the bottle-neck, not some other symptom of the actual problem. It would be a very plausible coding change to not allow anyone to login to their account on more than one device at one time. I've talked to software coders about this very thing, and they say this is very possible. There are some VERY simple fixes to the poor system the DWR uses to sell permits that would alleviate the strain on the system without having to remove the one final over the counter big game hunting opportunity we have left in this state.

Another problem I have with the proposal is that the DWR acknowledges that going to the multi-season hunt has been a contributing factor in the demand for these licenses. Another easy fix is to simply remove that option and go back to people picking their weapon of choice. If archery hunters that already have the benefit of unlimited permits switching over to multi-season permits has caused a strain on the system as was stated in the presentation, a very easy fix to that strain would be to eliminate multi-season permits. I know they are popular among a segment of hunters, but we can't continue to cater a small segment of hunters in Utah in all management decisions. That seems to be how this always works, leaving the masses holding the bag without a tag in their hand on basically every other type of hunt. Please do not take away this last remaining over the counter opportunity to hunt in Utah.

This is being presented as a trial period while they analyze data and work with the elk working group to come up with a permanent solution. Why not wait on any permanent changes until that is already done? If this "trial period" is adopted, there is no way it will ever go back to how it was. There is simply no way the Division is going to recommend giving up the application revenue they receive from this "trial period" of general season over the counter permits going into the draw.

Again, I oppose this as strongly as any proposal I have ever heard from the Division. Making general season elk permits into draw permits would be an abomination to the heritage of hunting in our state, which there is very little of that left for us.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I do not agree to any of this, the OTC elk tags are something that most people do as a fall back, and this just makes it even harder to get a tag. You have almost 9 months till the tags would go on sale next year, that should be more than plenty of time to figure out your computer system. A draw for these tags is not needed!

And as for the LE tags, they need to stay at 50/50. Yes if it changes then more of those higher point holders will move through. But your newer hunters are counting on that other 50% to hopefully get their animals as well. The same number of tags still go out either way. You don't need to change it just because people are mad they aren't getting their ways! It's all fair, how it is, do not change it.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

How could we go from last year where unlimited general elk tags was on the table to this year a draw? Anyone who hunts these units knows it's a tough hunt, lots of crowds, with low success. Unfortunately, that's life in Utah now. If you're going to do anything for an experiment for one year try unlimited general tags for a year to see how many more tags you sell relative to the 30k typical allotment, and then also survey hunters on their experience. We all know that if you "experiment" by adding a draw next year it will never go back to OTC and we will have lost the last hunt anyone can just go do.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? **PLEASE READ**

-I am concerned that once the "over the counter" elk permits go to a draw system that they will never again be over the counter. I also think that its wrong to charge a \$10 application fee on top of the \$50 I was paying before. If this is a "test" year and the DWR wants to charge an application fee then I think the permit coast should drop to \$40 if someone draws to make up for the \$10 application fee.

-I am somewhat okay with the 60/40 split on LE and OIAL hunt draws but I think that there is still an UNADDRESSED issue when it comes to high point holders which is CWMU permit splits. Over the past few years several things have been proposed and implemented to try and pull point holders out of the pool. The 5 year waiting periods and late season LE deer hunts on general deer units are 2 of them just to name a few. This new 60/40 split on the public draw is another. For decades now the CWMU program has gone on with NO CHANGE to their permit split. Most CWMU's choose the 90/10 option on their split for bucks and bulls which makes sense. Thats what they make money on and they don't care about their antlerless permits. I BELIEVE THAT THE CWMU PROGRAM NEEDS TO CHANGE TO A MINIMUM OF AN 75/25 SPLIT ON THEIR BUCKS/BULL PERMITS. I would be more supportive of a 60/40 split to the public draw if I saw this change in the CWMU program. These few land owners that are part of the program are part of this hunting community and they need to share in the solution especially because of how much they benefit from a public resource. If this would have been in place in 2021 there would have been 88 MORE LE ELK PERMITS ISSUES TO THE PUBLIC WITH HALF OF THOSE GOING TO HIGHEST POINT HOLDERS. This issue becomes even more important when it comes to deer because of how many LE Deer permits are issued to CWMU'S. If the 75/25 split would have been in place in 2021 for deer there would have been 165 MORE LE DEER PERMITS ISSUED TO THE PUBLIC WITH HALF OF THOSE GOING TO THE HIGHEST POINT HOLDER. This is something that HAS to be addressed soon. We are all in this together including the private land owners and they need to help shoulder the load.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

If we are going to a draw system then we need to cap out of state hunters. One of the benefits of over the counter systems is it benefits local hunters who can go to local vendors and purchase a tags when the online system is down

.
By going to a draw more out of state hunters will just apply with their other permits. We need to adopt a policy similar to Idaho where only 10% of tags can be bought by out of state hunters.

The anybull/spike tags are the fall back hunts that we as residents rely on when we don't draw in the regular draw. They need to be safe guarded for those residents who wish to spend their falls hunting.

I would also like a breakdown of tags from the following years of otc anybull and spike tags to be published on the DWR website showing the number of out of state hunters vs in state hunters so we can see where the true demand for these tags are.

I also disagree with changing the 50/50 tag allocation to a 60/40 tag allocation. Even with this increase there will be little to no effect on point creep with the reduced opportunity to newer hunters.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments
about the proposed changes to the big
game hunt drawing?

I agree that the maximum point creep is horrible today. The only way to reduce the wait period is to grant more permits to max point holders. I would ask to increase to 100% for 3 years to lower the maximum points and give others opportunities. An example, I have 23 moose permits, and that equates out to another 10 years before I am guaranteed a moose permit in the area I want to hunt. By this time, I will be too old to moose hunt and I will have been applying for more than 30 years! Thank you

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Every single state surrounding us has better every the counter options then Utah. Every single one. We are terrible with our current management regarding residents. If you look at it, this is one of the last tags we have. We need to leave it open for first come first serve, and if there is an issue we should further limit nonresidents like every other state is doing.

I understand the online system is difficult, but these are one of the best ways to ensure you can hunt every year. The fact that it's easier for me to hunt in neighboring states shows that our management, not our draw, is what needs to be fixed.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

Big fan of the additional extended archery areas.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 6:11 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Please do away with the break for dark geese on the wasatch unit

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? By creating a draw for the gs elk permits, you're prioritizing profits over hunter opportunity. If money is what you're after, increase the permit fee by \$10 don't make it more difficult to hunt in this state than it already is

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 6:49 am

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

I don't disagree with the proposal that Covy presented but my concern is that hunting units near higher populations in the state receive an extreme amount of hunting pressure. This seems to create a negative experience for most hunters and it seems like there should be a little more effort to benefit the experience for the hunters and also increase herd sizes. The people of the dwr have the reasons for how this is managed but out in the field during the hunt it has been insane. The animals are educated to this pressure they experience year after year so they move to safe zones. Usually private property.....There are several alternative methods to alleviate these problems but the bottom line is to reduce the cause of the pressure.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Last year at this same time, we listened to Covey make an argument that Utah has enough elk on the General Season Units to sustain unlimited tags. This year, we have to change it to a draw? This makes no sense. There is no reason to move this to a draw and the idea of a "one year trial" period is false. It will never come back to being OTC if we move to a draw.

Leave Utahans with OTC options for elk. If you take this away, there will be no OTC options and we might as well call it what it will become. Elk will be once in a lifetime in Utah.

To change the split on tag allocations 60/40 is just delaying the inevitable. It will push more and more top point holders through but it will also create more and more top point holders. You will never stop this without getting rid of the point system all together. Leave the split 50/50 and give the younger generation a chance at drawing tags.

I strongly disagree with everything that was proposed in this video. Leave it the way it is and make changes that will have an affect to better hunting in Utah, not just pander to those that have the most points and what puts the most money in the DNR/DWRs pocket.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

First off the multi-season Elk tag has ruined archery elk hunting in Utah. There are far too many rifle hunters using the archery season as a scouting opportunity. Their numbers and lack of commitment are negatively affecting the animals and the experience of committed archery hunters. Second, there are no other states around that allow a wide-open unlimited over-the-counter Bull Elk opportunity for non-residents. WY won't even let non-residents hunt certain areas without a resident guide. Utah needs to institute a resident guide system. This will still allow non-residents to continue to hunt with family and friends from out-of-state and support outfitters while limiting the out-of-state free for all that is currently occurring.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Why can't the state just get a better online system/database to allow people to buy General Season Elk tags online?

I don't think I'm alone in assuming that once these tags enter the draw, they won't come out. You can say that this is a trial period, but I truly doubt it.

I love that Utah is an opportunity state. Making these general season elk tags a part of the draw will eventually take away opportunities. I like having a tag in my pocket and going out every year.

I think getting RID OF THE MULTISEASON would make a big difference. As the above video states at about the 2:30 mark I think many archers now buy the Multi-Season tag that normally wouldn't. I would like to see the state go back to no multi-season. That will decrease the "panic" in the sales system.

Please, please, please. General season tags should not be part of the draw/application system. I'm already dissapointed that we have to draw general season deer tags - please don't do the same to Elk.

Also, please do NOT limit Archery Elk tags. Please. Please.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Dear Valued Wildlife Management Folks,

My name is Gary Morgan and I would like to submit a public comment on the latest proposal to add the general season elk permits to the big game drawing. I am not, along with the overwhelming majority of hunters I've discussed this with, in favor of adding these permits to the big game drawing. We feel that this is the wrong direction to alleviate a problem that was created out of a response to businesses closing their doors in the spring of 2020 due to Covid. With the majority of Utahns being vaccinated and Covid numbers not affecting businesses being open anymore, I recommend that the DWR just go back to over the counter sales at licensing agents as the primary method of selling these general season elk tags, while maintaining an online site to purchase for those who either cannot physically get to a licensing agent, or are nonresident hunters that cannot simply drive to Utah to purchase a license. Many of my fellow hunters and myself are also concerned that with the addition of another revenue stream from the new application fees for these hunts, DWR will sort of "get hooked" on the new income and decide to continue charging these fees to Utahns and nonresident hunters, and then the days of true OTC elk hunting in Utah will be over. Going back to over the counter sales as a primary method of distributing tags will resolve the website clog that exists every time tags go on sale. Breaking up the spike tags from the any bull tags to go on sale was a good idea, and did alleviate some of the clog. A further recommendation from me would be that if the DWR would like to continue using the online sales system, I recommend that DWR also further break down the online sales between resident and nonresident, with those being sold on different days (with Utah residents being given preference) to help further reduce site lag and traffic to avoid overloading. I fear that every big game tag in this state will eventually become a draw system and would disrupt many annual family hunts that have become a tradition by either preventing people from getting tags or costing families even more money to pursue their outdoor passions.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Gary Morgan
Rush Valley, UT

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 10:10 am

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

I like the 5 extra days of the Archery Any Bull hunt. It is awesome! Please keep it.

Also, I like having more and more extended archery hunting options. I think these extended archery areas are my favorite places/times to hunt. I love the opportunity it provides.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This should be broken down into 2 questions...I think bull elk tags should remain otc, and not be placed into a draw. The only reason the permits have sold out so fast was because they were only available online and the system was terrible and so everyone panicked and hurried and bought a tag. If they were available in person, it wouldn't be such a huge ordeal and it would alleviate the stress on the online system. Plus, a lot of people like to buy an elk tag (or decide not to buy one) until they've seen what other tags they've got for that year, so having them all at the same time seems like a bad idea as well. The last remaining otc tag for big game is elk...don't take away our final chance to actually buy an over the counter tag.

I think the tag allocation changes for limited entry seems like an ok solution.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 10:16 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I would like to see the application for the draw happen at the same time as the antler less application period so Hunters would know the results to their mule deer and limited entry draws.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I agree with the max point tag allocation. As for the elk in the draw system, I would want to know how many people who wanted a tag, didn't get a tag. Is that even trackable with the current system? It took me a long time waiting online to get a tag, but I got one. I wonder if the quick sell out of tags is more fear driven than actual demand. You sell out every year, you're just doing it quicker. Doesn't necessarily mean more people want tags, could mean there is a perception of that so everyone who would have bought a tag buys it sooner. If we don't currently have that data and the proposal will give us that data I'm all for it. But I've always managed to get my tag and if we go to the draw system and I suddenly don't get a tag, that will be incredibly frustrating.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This is another lie perpetuated by DWR. DWR HAS NO INTENTION OF RETURNING ELK TAGS BACK TO OTC SALES. DWR knew this.problem existed 2 years ago and has failed to improve the system because this was the plan all along. The company who provides the sales system would have already provided DWR with an updated system. WHICH COMPANY WOULDNT LIKE TO EXTENT A CONTRACT BY UPDAYING A SYSTEM AND EXTENDING THE LENGTH OF THE CONTRACT AT THE SAME TIME.

HUNTERS ARENT STUPID, DWR AND THE WILDLIFE BOARD ARE STUPID IF THEY THINK HINTERS WONT SEE THROUGH THE LIES AND THE SETUP.

THANKS FOR SCREWING THIS UP TOO

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I think the problem with why you have had a huge increase in elk tag sales that caused a panic was that multi season tag. You had people crossing over from one weapon to another to "try it out" and the fear of not getting a tag sky rocketed. I've enjoyed the opportunity of 3 different hunt dates, but Please consider that it has cause part of panic, and an over load of hunters in the field. When you use to make people pick and choose a weapon, they didn't panic as much.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I strongly agree with the draw system for general season elk tags. The negative feedback I've seen is concerned that they won't get a tag. The tag numbers are the same, if you aren't able to log on to buy a tag in the 8 hours they're available you wouldn't get a tag anyway. This levels the playing field for people who can't miss work to camp on the tag purchase sight at 8 am on the day the permits come out and continually refresh the page and open it on multiple devices to overload the system.

For the 60/40 split I am not as strongly in favor, nor do I strongly disagree. I don't think this will solve point creep on its own.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

I am strongly in favor of the additional days on the general archery elk units. Hunting archery in August is hot and frustrating. Being able to hunt additional days in September is appreciated.

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November 3, 2021 10:52 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I can understand why we might need to make this chat for the elk tags. I don't necessarily agree with the draw, but understand where you're coming from.

I would propose that we still offer an unlimited # of archery's tags. Instead of moving everything to a draw.

That way if people are able to draw a tag, they at least could still have a general season archery elk tag.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 11:05 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I am an avid hunter and in my entire life I have drawn two tags even though I put in ever year. I have draw two general buck deer nothing else. Spike tags are the only way my family has the option to harvest meat. We need to keep the tag system

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 11:11 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments Change the 3 season tag to a draw tag or make it a LE Tag. Move back to
about the proposed changes to the big the old system of making people have to choose between the tags.
game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Just because more people want to hunt does not mean there should be an increase in permits or extending timelines. Are there enough animals to support this increase? This includes poaching and environmental destruction (fires, droughts over development, etc.). It is shortsighted to increase harvesting without knowing the health and population of the animals first.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

So now you want us to pay another permit fee just to buy a general season tag. So let's say there is 5 family members applying. It's now going to cost them an additional 50 dollars just for the chance at getting a tag. This is a bunch of crap. You say its because your system is overloaded. How does amazon do it with no issues. Let's face it you just want more money for your overpriced tags. Leave it the way it is!!!! First come first serve.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 11:56 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I firmly believe if general tags go to a draw it will alter peoples habits and encourage them to put in just for a chance to draw knowing if they don't they may never have a chance to hunt. It is pretty aparent that past problems have already spiked panic buying.

I would also like to see the tag allocation for LE and OIL stay at 50/50

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 12:50 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I agree with both the general season bull elk and spike elk hunts being added to the draw system however I disagree with there being a \$10 and \$15 charge for this service. I strongly agree with allocating more tags to Max point individuals. To facilitate moving those individuals through the process.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Increase the amount of tags and keep it over the counter. We need to encourage hunting in the state, not make it more difficult to do it. The success rate is already low, so it's not like we will be killing the whole herd. But allow more people the opportunity to hunt. In years past there were more available tags and they have been cut down causing them to sell out quicker. This is a bad idea making it a draw only. That has made deer hunting harder in the state already. Please don't limit elk hunting now too. Just increase tags and let us keep doing what we love.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 1:12 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Let's move the waterfowl opener towards November there are no waterfowl in Utah in October. Also why can we not have a spring goose hunt for 5 days. The geese are terrible on farmers new crops in the spring.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? While your trying to protect people feelings by going to a draw it will make more people upset trying to draw a tag. It takes 3 years to draw a cow elk tag in cache county. It takes 3-4 years to draw a simple general deer tag. If you want to take the fun out of hunting make it a draw system for spike and any bull. Just a way to make your jobs easier.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 1:27 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Moving the general elk tag to a drawing sounds like a way for them division to just get more money on application fees. It's already frustrating having to draw out for a deer tag, especially an archery deer tag. Having to draw out for elk now only increases my frustrations with hunting in Utah.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 1:38 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

DWR is just trying to generate more income by adding an application fee. How can someone know what kind of permit they'd like in January when many people make the decision as to which weapon type or spike or any-bull area based on their results in the Antlerless draw, which doesn't happen until later in the year.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

You ruined hunting with removing statewide tags, you oversold cow tags ruining herds, your greedy and sell out of state tags before every resident in the state who wants a tag gets one and now this?

GO BACK TO THE OFFICE AND LEAVE THE HUNTS ALONE. YOUR INCOMPETENCE KNOWS NO BOUNDS!

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

I realize you knuckleheads who have biology degree dint actually hunt except maybe off an atv but there is too many in the mountain! It sundae so quit putting elk and deer hunts together.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 2:26 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

It has been 7 years since I drew a buck tag. Elk hunting is the only hunt I am able to get a tag for don't take that away from me or other hunters like my self. If you do this I will spend my money for out of state hunting.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I have been a lifelong resident of Utah and I have hunted elk in Utah for over 20 years. I transitioned to archery elk hunting 15 years ago and enjoyed hunting in Utah until 2 years ago when the multi season elk tag was introduced. When this tag was made available a huge increase in the numbers of archery hunters flooded the public hunting areas. This drastically diminished my hunting experience! The wildlife division needs to understand how this tag has negatively affected the archery hunting community in the state. Last year was the first year since 2006 that I did not hunt elk with a bow in Utah. My hunting group now plans on hunting the surrounding states that have agencies that respect archery hunters.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This is my second time commenting. This is the solution I think would most appease everyone.

The Multiseason tags have caused a panic, as the video says around the 2:30 mark. I believe that panic has led to the increased demand and stress for tags.

Multiseason Tags should be a draw. It's a huge advantage for hunters to be able to hunt all 3 seasons. Allocate something like 5,000 multi season tags for the draw, and if you don't draw you get a "General Elk" point (like how we get general deer points now)

Rifle/Muzzleloader Tags should still be over the counter as they always have been. Utah is an opportunity state, lets not take that away.. Last year there were 17,500 available, so if you subtract the 5,000 Multiseason tags above that leaves 12,500 rifle/muzzleloader tags.

*If someone buys an over the counter rifle/muzzleloader tag they should NOT lose their General Season Elk point if they accrued one after being unsuccessful in the Multiseason draw.

Archery tags stay unlimited.

The state could then use all of the application fees for the Multiseason tags to upgrade an enhance their online sales system.

Please confirm that my comments have been viewed and at least considered.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 3:06 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

While I agree that something has to change so there is not the mad rush to buy tags I don't believe that the problem is a huge spike in demand I believe the problem is the multiseason elk tags. In the proposal it was mentioned that 42% of the tag sales that went to the quota were multi season tags. That seems like a large portion and I wonder if we are seeing more archery hunters purchasing the multi season tags because they can. As I have talked to other hunters in the field most the hunters that I have talked to about that tag say they use to be archery hunters but they now buy the multi season tag so they have the most opportunity. I propose that between 2,000 and 4,000 of the spike and any bull tags be allocated as multi season tags and the remainder of the elk tags stay as over the counter tags.

As for the allocation of 60% of the tags to the max point holders. I am very torn on this one I personally have 15 points for multiple species and like the idea of potentially drawing faster. But I also defied the odds as a 14 year old and drew a moose tag with zero points. I think that cutting into the 50/50 split will deter new hunters since they will feel that it is so unlikely to get their name drawn. Point creep is a real thing. Good luck with your decision.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 4:38 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Leave OTC opportunity. Get rid of multi-season tag and give more permits/increase price to decrease demand.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Your changes have already ruined the deer hunt for families to be able to hunt together. Now you want to do the same to the elk hunt. If you really cared about the hunters and the quality of the hunt in Utah, you would know that your proposal is not a solution. By making this a draw you will just drive away more hunters. We already pay \$50 for a tag and the odds of getting an elk are terrible. Now you would get \$10+ for every application. How greedy are you. Tag fees keep going up and the hunting keeps going down.

Here's a solution, fix your servers, get bigger ones. Don't sell so many bow tags, combine the muzzle-loader and rifle hunt, since muzzle-loaders are so much more powerful these days, they don't need a separate hunt. Stop letting farmers kill elk (and deer) on their land, they get more than enough money on the state and federal level that they don't need to worry about elk ruining their crops. And encourage them to invite responsible hunters onto their land. Stop selling cow elk tags for a few years, cause the herds are not doing that well, I spent a week hiking in numerous places in the Uinta mountains on the general season this year, and I saw two elk the whole trip. And after talking to a few other hunters, I felt lucky to have seen those two.

And make sure that residents have first pick of tags across all hunts, not non-residents.

If you make this change, I myself, and a lot of other people I know will gladly pay more to hunt out of state, specifically Idaho. Where the tags are plentiful and so are the elk.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I strongly agree with the 60/40 split and would even support 70/30 to help with the point creep.

I strongly disagree with moving elk permits into the draw. With very minimal effort (just knowing when they go on sale) you are able to obtain a permit right now even if they sell out that day. Going to a draw those that are prepared and always acquire a general season are no longer guaranteed to draw a tag. Removing the multi season would be a better solution in my opinion. There was never an issue with permits quickly selling out before the multi season. I would prefer to give up my multi season tag in order to guarantee myself the opportunity to purchase a rifle elk permit if I desired.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 8:05 pm

Which best describes your position Somewhat agree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments My fear is the state will end up divided into areas like the deer hunt and I
about the proposed changes to the big will never be able to draw I'm the area I want to hunt.
game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 8:16 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments I really don't like this idea. The elk tags should stay over the counter. Just
about the proposed changes to the big last year there was a proposal for unlimited elk tags. I really liked that idea.
game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 8:37 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I think it is a good approach as it doesn't create extreme competition for server bandwidth. Not drawing would be a lot less frustrating than not being able to log in for a chance to purchase. I am in favor as the last 2 years have been really frustrating.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

Please consider that the youth any bull elk tag has a 5% draw odd & it's a once in a lifetime opportunity. The youth that do draw have to share their "quality" and "opportunity" hunt with general season bow hunters. This is not fair to them has in some areas there is conflict between the two. Wait her move the rifle hunt back or remove the extra days from the bow hunt. Most youth do not have the skills to compete with seasoned elk hunters that are in the field at the same time and in the interface areas in the same place hinting the same elk herd. If the elk population was higher it may be a different story. But I've saw a lot of competition for the same elk in certain areas

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I agree for all the recommendations except for the part of the youth getting an any bull permit outside of the 15,000 allotted. Youth already get an opportunity to hunt an any bull in an early hunt through a drawing option. So, they should be included in the 15,000 permits available to all hunters who want to hunt a general any bull hunt. You are allowing too many hunters in the field with this option to allow unlimited youth to obtain a permit for an any bull unit as it stands now.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 10:07 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

They need to change the spike units to any bull units If it's going to a draw. Would like to see the archery season during the month of September for better success rates. And go back to choosing your weapon to take some stress off of the animals that during those seasons.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 10:12 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Thats a horrible thing to do to people
Especially the land owners that depend on those tags and may not get them if they dont draw out or their hunters
But the land owner still has the feed bill on the same herd of elk

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I like the idea of taking away the one day big sale pressure. I also like the idea of allowing 4 hunters to apply together, that is the fun in a general hunt. After steep rises to the general bull tag in recent years I disagree with charges of \$10-15 for every applicant and no points. Yet I also don't agree with a point system for a spike bull. It seems a bit over the top to me. The shift of 10% concerns me it will only cause the point system to creep higher and brings more certainty it will fail. As a nonresident i guess the 10% doesn't seem to make much difference when there are only 2 or 3 tags for us in a single elk unit/season. I feel the problem is many people are wanting a great hunt with minimal pressure and willing to wait a lifetime to get it.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 12:06 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Highly disagree with the drawing for elk. It has always been a first come first serve since I was old enough to hunt. Better the website and permit sales by improving your systems to sustain the high volume. Allow other vendors to issue permits, but please do not put this on a draw.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 6:28 am

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the recommended big game
season dates?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 7:51 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Utah NEEDS to switch to a mandatory harvest report for all big game. This helps track numbers so much better. Not just on tags that were drawn either, every tag purchased period. Other states have this figured out, and the best and easiest ways to do it also, look around. Even if each tag is an extra 10 dollars (not from a draw) people will buy them so there is more money coming in. But people will lose interest in hunting and some will lose their food if it continues to get harder to get any tags.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I would rather have elk permits cost more money to change the demand to get a permit. I also feel that more permits could be sold because it's such a low success rate. Me and my family have hunted 7 days each year for 8 years and not got one yet. It's the only big game hunting we do. A lot of companies require employees to request time off for the upcoming year by December of the previous year so it makes it nice to have a hunt the family can count on enjoying together.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 9:43 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I am not convinced that elk numbers are up based on winter range counts, when in reality the number of hunt able elk on public land during the hunt are no where near where they used. It is no secret, the additional hunting pressure in the past few years has pushed the elk more into private land. The private land owner is benefiting greatly from our management strategy. Why have the number of CWMU permits been increased significantly? After all, it is the publics money that helps pay for our states wildlife. I am a older hunter that still puts on a pack pack and covers hundreds of miles a year chasing deer and elk. I am very concerned that my grand children will not have the same opportunity if the states main focus continues to be generate as much money as possible and not managing for a quality hunting experience. Please take in consideration quality vs quantity when looking to increase tags.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I vehemently oppose this "trial" period of one year. Any info gleaned will be a statistical outlier. Once it goes to a draw that's where it will stay after all the money made. \$350,000 just for the tags allocated not to mention those who apply but won't get a tag, possibly upwards of \$600,000 That is disingenuous at best, criminal at worst. We are not a state that does a draw with zero return, i.e. bonus/pref points. I for one do not and will not support going to a draw and dang sure not a draw without any preference after this "trial". Fix your system so it can handle the load. It has been two years now that there has been time to do this. I did loose out in 2020 because of the vendor cut off, however I walked in and out of a store with a tag in my pocket this year. Everyone had the same opportunity that I did this year. There is no need for this draw other than revenue on the app fee. If this is indeed about revenue up the tag \$10, leave it OTC and you would recoup the \$350,000 on the currently allocated tags without going to a STUPID "trial" draw.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

We do not need any more extended archery units, especially on the Box Elder, West Bear River unit. It has a very high percentage of private property inside the boundary. on top of that the Box Elder deer herd is in terrible shape as well as some of these deer are migrating off the cache unit as well. What this unit needs is deer fencing to help with vehicle collisions. We don't need to be hunting them for 2.5 months just because you choose to hunt with a bow.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

CWMU should be 1 to 1 tag. These animals belong to the public of this state, I agree land owners do a lot for feed and water for these animals but they should not be getting more than 1:1 ratio. I also disagree with the public land use that is especially egregious in the 76 northern CWMU's. The trade lands we get are a pittance in return for what the public loses.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Despite the commonly used phrase that "hunters are decreasing in number" our number has steadily increased for several years. As Utah's human population continues to grow, so too does the number of hunters. As we are all aware, our opportunities at deer have decreased as habitat depletion, weather and a few other factors have impacted our deer herds. However, one thing is certain, elk numbers continue to grow and the elk herds thrive. They are a more hardy species. They can endure horrible winters, scorching droughts, adapt to vastly different habitats and are capable of finding food in all of these conditions. Thus are more likely to thrive in the conditions we have seen for the past 20 years. As elk are managed for different age classes on different LE units, the general season is managed for opportunity. I strongly believe it needs to be kept that way. To put our last remaining OTC hunt into a draw would be a mistake. Most are aware of the percentages, low success rates and how difficult it is to kill a bull elk on a general tag. Selling more tags will not automatically increase that low percentage. It will remain low. The opportunity at a GS bull elk is what I feel should not be tampered with.

If I am being honest, we need to get rid of the multi-season permit and go back to what it has always been. You select your hunt season/weapon and then you select bull or spike. Stick with that. It'll focus hunters on specific hunts and not allow them to cross over hunt to hunt. It was put in place too late in the game How can we go from selling multi-season tags to putting the GS elk hunt into a draw. It's about opportunities, but not really now? No thanks!!!

Keep the Utah General Season just that - General Season, over the counter. If it's about money needed for this that or the other, sell more tags or raise the price by \$10. I am so tired of seeing opportunities slip away or in this case - taken away. We already got completely hosed by the Wildlife Board last year when they pulled the rug out from under us with the GS elk debacle. Man... that one was frustrating! Let's have non-residents take the hit. I'm very much aware that animals do not differentiate between our arbitrary borders and boundaries, but our wildlife is managed on a state level and should therefore be hunted as such. Out of states tags can be capped.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

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November 4, 2021 11:57 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

CWMUs boundaries are tricky, always changing & tie up too much public land...for "boundary" purposes. This needs to stop. STOP taking our public lands!

I hear far too many horror stories on CWMUs. I don't think consequences are stiff enough when the CWMU does something they shouldn't. They're not policed enough. Public hunters need to be allowed more than 5 days to hunt & should be given an opportunity to scout for at least 2 days. They should also be allowed more than 1 or 2 guests.

You say the CWMUs benefit the public & perhaps they do but the public needs to be treated better. The CWMU program mostly benefits the private land owner.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 12:27 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments Please do not get rid of this. This meat feeds my family.
about the proposed changes to the big
game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The so called change to the otc elk tags would make almost all elk permits in the state be draw only besides depredation tags and a few others. there needs to be otc tags so people have the opportunity to hunt every year. if big bull, cow and now spike tags are draw only and the amount of points needed to draw is rising. you might now only be able to hunt elk every two or three years. There's already the two draw tags (cow, big bull limited entry) leave otc elk tags, there should be otc elk tags for the opportunity to hunt most years. something i think would help the elk more is to cut down or completely get rid of depredation tags. The elk herds are going down and it does not help to shoot them in towns in farmers fields during the winter when they are looking for food. find another system to helps farmers out other than just killing any elk that walks into town.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Moving OTC elk tags to a draw is a really bad idea. Non-residents should have to apply, and a quota be allocated to them. Please don't screw over resident hunters like this. Cut cow tags, remove residents from OTC elk, almost anything else. Leave the OTC quota hunts alone for residents and let us enjoy our states wonderful hunting. Doing this will completely ruin the way some hunters apply annually in this state. Upgrade your system and let us buy OTC elk tags, maybe even residents only and don't even move non res to draw. Give hunters incentive to live in this state, not remove opportunity because your systems can't handle "overload". Even limit archery tags.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates? It would be really nice if the early buck deer ALW weapon was extended a couple days to give a full hunt and then move the normal ALW buck deer back a couple days so it extends into November.

Open more pronghorn units to Muzzleloader hunts, book cliffs area would be awesome.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 12:34 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Keep OTC tags, these tags have benefited my family for years and have provided a clean and reliable food source.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 12:56 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I thought hunting wasn't all about money, now it is? This contradicts all the information about family hunting traditions that was shared just last year.
Terrible idea

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 12:59 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The main reason I started Elk hunting is because they were available over the counter or online. I don't like the hassle of going through the drawing process, I did it once and would prefer to never go back. So I tend to only hunt elk and leftover muzzleloader bucks. I don't mind being at my computer at 8am to insure that I get a tag. Please don't move elk to the draw.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 1:19 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I am not in favor of reducing hunting opportunities even further than they currently are.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 1:28 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Utahs have the right to hunt Utah. If you want to change anything, let Utah hunters buy first and the out of state individuals in last. This is absolutely ridiculous. Hunters are on the decline, and this does nothing to help. You need hunters on your board, not just tree huggers.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 2:30 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

YOU ARE ALL ABOUT THE MONEY!! Look what you have done with the deer hunts. That is the reason for demand on elk permits. Hunters don't draw for deer, but they want to hunt so they have redirected to elk hunting because they don't have to take a chance on an illegal lottery chance of a permit. You talk about hunting opportunities, what happened to the purchase of a deer permit and being able to hunt all 3 general season hunts??!!!! What an opportunity that was!!! You will do what you want, at some point in time no matter what negative feedback you get!! Seen it for 50+ years!

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? General season tags: they aren't general season tags if you make it a draw. This is your first step to eliminating utahs last OTC tags. FIX YOUR WEBSITE/ IT ISSUES!

Bonus points: giving preference to people with more points discourages young and future hunters while benefitting the wealthier who can afford to buy points every year. Ex: cow moose didnt have a tag for years but wealthy could buy points for payoff in the future while less wealthy didnt put in for points because there wouldn't be potential meat on the table that year.

Why on earth would you combine two subjects under one memo and feedback form. You're not going to tell how people feel about each subject. A strong opinion for one subject forces a similar opinion for the other subject because you combined them. This survey is garenteed to give bad data/results. Hope it yields a result you wanted.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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regarding the proposed changes to the
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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 3:09 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Considering the 7 minute video didn't say anything about our states elk numbers being low and mentioned a couple of times that the system is to blame, we should work on fixing the buying system.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I am Totally against placing the general elk tags into a drawing. This is the last "over the counter" tag available in Utah and I don't want it to go away. The only thing putting the general elk tags into a draw will do is to make them harder to get. Once you institute a draw then you have to give points and then all of a sudden we are only getting permits every other year. The other down side for hunters is the additional \$10 application fee. We are nicked and dimed to death as it is. Please leave the General elk permits like they are.

I do not like the idea of giving 60% of tags to high point holders. All applicants have applied under the 50/50 split since the draw was initiated and it is very fair. Changing now just penalizes the majority of hunters since the majority of hunters do not have anywhere near max points. There are way more people applying with less than max points than those that have max points. To be honest, Max point holders are not guaranteed anything. They are given a better chance to draw by since they are eligible for 50% of the tags. changing to 60% isn't going to all of a sudden make the points problem go away, but it will hurt the majority of hunters who are already only getting a chance at half the tags. If anything, the majority of tags should go to the Random draw. If you look at each individual point level. the lower point groups all have more applicants than the next higher point level. Point creep is here to stay unless we start growing more critters. fancy math and shell games do nothing.

I would also like to leave the draw system and timing the way it is. Getting Draw results mid May is great. Moving to a Hard date of May 31st makes it difficult for people that apply for other states for permits.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? These makes sense we me although it would make more sense if we had breeding pond surveys that haven't happened for the last two years.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I am against the reallocation of the point preference (even though that would hurt me). This penalized the young and those who move through the state for only a short time. I am for totally eliminating the point system so that everybody has an equal chance.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations? I am against this program in general. When this program was started it was about increasing opportunity and habitat. While we have documented the increase opportunity the populations of deer continue to be marginal. We also know that deer are more migratory than than we thought (Utah's data). There needs to be more data on the overall benefit of this program. While I know that this is beneficial to the land owner, these tags are a public resource. I want to see if this policy has improved habitat. While some of thee CWMU look better than when I hunted these unposted in the 1980s, others do not. Also, bucks that could be eventually harvest on public lands are shot (often during the rut), when the average hunter can't hunt.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 3:46 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I believe that the general season bull elk permits should remain over the counter. This hunt is intended to be a family centered event and not a high success hug quality hunt. I would be in favor of unlimited permits. Sincerely thank you.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 3:55 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I strongly oppose the DWR proposal to move the OTC Any Bull and Spike elk tags to the Big Game Draw for the following reasons:

1. This proposal is in complete contradiction to what the DWR proposed last year. They proposed unlimited tags last year for the sake of Utah's strong family tradition of OTC hunting. Now they are proposing to move the hunt to the draw, which will thus eliminate the last rifle OTC option in Utah and the hunt will no longer be a guaranteed family option. This completely contradicts what was proposed last year. Last year the DWR proposed to remove the quota on rifle Any Bull elk tags and make it unlimited. The reason for doing this was because the rifle bull elk hunt was the last OTC option in Utah for families to go on a general hunt together.
2. The DWR will make over \$300,000 minimum from the new application fees. Based on the complete contradiction to last year's proposal (listed above), respectfully, this really seems like a pure money grab to me. If this is all about money, I would gladly welcome an increase in price to the Any Bull elk permits and keep them OTC. Increase the price to \$75 dollars or even \$200 for the multiseason. Just don't take away the OTC option.
3. I like the OTC option because I don't have to decide until July what season of Utah general elk I will be hunting. By July I will have results from the Utah drawing and other state's big game results and in July I can then decide what season best suites my schedule to hunt the Utah general elk hunt. If it goes to a draw, you will be forced to decide your hunt in March.
4. I know there are problems with the current online system but I have always been able to get my tag the last several years because I put forth a little effort. Several friends this year were having problems with the online portal so they went to their local sporting goods store and bought their elk permit there no problem. The people complaining about the online system are not using all resources available to them.

Please oppose the proposition to move the OTC Any Bull elk hunt into the Big Game Draw. I personally support the previous proposal to make specifically the any bull elk tags unlimited. This is an easy solution to fix the database issues that the DWR is currently having on the busy permit days, because it will eliminate the busy permit days. It would also bring in some more revenue.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I'm not opposed to the multi season tag being a draw tag. As of now it's too congested out hunting due to the multi season tag in which safety is concerned. Utah needs to consider their residents over non residents. We should be able to apply for all species and. It a once in a lifetime and either deer, elk, or antelope. Pleas cater to the residents and not non residents. Let's manage the animals and not just focus on revenue! Thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This is one of the only over the counter big game hunting opportunities in a state that is already incredibly difficult to get tags as a resident. This is in direct contradiction to previous statements made by the DWR and feels like a clear money grab as now thousands and thousands of residents would be forced to pay an application fee. With so many areas of the state managed for age class and quality, it's important to provide hunters with hunts that prioritize opportunity.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

HI - appreciate the opportunity to be able to provide feedback here. I really like the idea of increasing the number of max points permits. The drawing for elk permits though is a shame to see... I have experienced the issues firsthand of trying to get a permit online the last few years - it's been a nightmare so I completely agree that something has to change. That said, hate the thought of not drawing an elk permit and potentially not a deer permit either and not being able to hunt big game.... I know you'll never do this because you'll make way more money with moving to a draw but would love to see residents of Utah get first dibs at permits on a first come, first serve basis and they can only be sold at a physical location. Then, any remaining tags be sold to non-residents onsite or online. I know we'll never see that happen because you'd make way less money but that's what I'd love to see to preserve and ensure the hunting experience for locals that have grown up hunting in Utah and love to hunt... Thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I think that they don't go with what you guys said last year. You guys wanted more families to hunt with eachother. And I have been hunting with my dad and brothers for the past 6 years and it's been the best time of my life to go chase elk and deer with my family and being able to enjoy it. But if you don't let me do it every year you're gonna lose younger kids that don't want to do it unless they can do it with there family. So I think unlimited tags makes it so people want to go spend time in the mountains together and make memories!

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I strongly disagree to giving 60% of tags to the high point holders. Utah has already put itself in a bad position with bonus points and drawing tags. I don't believe this will significantly help point creep. All it will do is maybe make it so that some point holders will be able to draw a tag before they die, not even necessarily before they are past their prime hunting age. I personally would rather see a shift in the other direction. I would rather see 40% of tags go to high point holders and 60% go in random draw. And then a few years after that 30% go to high point holders and 70% in the random draw. I know Utah will never be able to completely phase out the point system but I would be in favor of that, if it were.

I am a high point holder with close to 20 deer and moose points. So the proposal could actually benefit me, but I am still against it. It benefits a few, that are high point holders and hurts the majority. What about our kids and future hunters? They will never have a chance to draw a limited tag in their entire lifetime. For someone who starts building points right now, it will take 40+ years to draw most limited tags with bonus points. My kids aren't hunting age yet but when they are of age, I won't enter them in the Utah draw, unless something major changes.

I am alright with the general elk permits being offered in the draw. I think again this is fair to the majority of hunters rather than the minority who are able to be on the computer within the first few hours that tags go on sale. Again, I'm a hunter who is willing to burn a day/hours of vacation if necessary to log into the computer and get a tag. So this rule likely hurts me but I'm still in favor of it. I will remain in favor as long as no preference points are given for general elk. Keep it a 100% random draw. Everyone has an equal chance every year. Sure some people have a lucky streak and they will get multiple tags, and some people have bad luck (like me) and will rarely/never draw a tag. But that's better than the people who get in early being able to get multiple tags. The people who get in middle get one tag in their life. And the people that come late to the game in 20 years will never have a chance of drawing a tag in their lifetime. I know this is slightly dramatic but it's basically what has happened with the bonus point system and I think it's unfortunate.

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Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

License sales system outage is not a valid excuse to introduce a draw for general season elk. If the board would have went with Covy's recommendation on turning the "lesser" LE units into any bull units, you could easily issue more tags without going to a draw.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? make a change to purchase the otc tags to specific units not just all any bull/spike only units across the state

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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Which best describes your position Strongly agree
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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

It hasn't been hard to get on and obtain an elk tag

Your letting the few that didnt recieve permits control the voice of the many. People were only upset because they couldnt get the tags for whatever their reason.

Why dont you do a different dat for non residents and limit them instead of making it tough on the residents.

Try other things first rather than a drawing...

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I strongly oppose the DWR proposal to move the OTC Any Bull and Spike elk tags to the Big Game Draw for the following reasons:

1. This proposal is in complete contradiction to what the DWR proposed last year. They proposed unlimited tags last year for the sake of Utah's strong family tradition of OTC hunting. Now they are proposing to move the hunt to the draw, which will thus eliminate the last OTC option in Utah and the hunt will no longer be a guaranteed family option. This completely contradicts what was proposed last year. Last year the DWR proposed to remove the quota on rifle Any Bull elk tags and make it unlimited. The reason for doing this was because the rifle bull elk hunt was the last OTC option in Utah for families to go on a general hunt together.

2. The DWR will make over \$300,000 minimum from the new application fees. Based on the complete contradiction to last year's proposal (listed above), respectfully, this really seems like a pure money grab to me. If this is all about money, I would gladly welcome an increase in price to the Any Bull elk permits and keep them OTC. Increase the price to \$75 dollars or even \$200 for the multiseason. Just don't take away the OTC option.

3. I like the OTC option because I don't have to decided until July what season of Utah general elk I will be hunting. By July I will have results from the Utah drawing and other state's big game results and in July I can then decided what season best suites my schedule to hunt the Utah general elk hunt. If it goes to a draw, you will be forced to decide your hunt in March.

4. I know there are problems with the current online system but I have always been able to get my tag the last several years because I put forth a little effort. Several friends this year were having problems with the online portal so they went to their local sporting goods store and bought their elk permit there no problem. The people complaining about the online system are not using all resources available to them.

Please oppose the proposition to move the OTC Any Bull elk hunt into the Big Game Draw. I personally support the previous proposal to make specifically the any bull elk tags unlimited. This is an easy solution to fix the database issues that the DWR is currently having on the busy permit days, because it will eliminate the busy permit days.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

For this trial period, I think the state should stop worrying about money and wave the application fee. Focus on the issues at hand such as declining herds and increased demand for tags. Don't let this be the money grab most sportsman see it as!!!
Additionally analyze better what the success rate of multi season tag holders are compared to single tag type. In making this comparison also look at what this does for overall number of elk killed compared to years before the multi season tag.
When pursuing this lottery general elk tag system, break the tags up by specific units in the long term to better manage individual areas. Finally in making these proposed changes, make the top priority herd health! Overall I support general tags becoming lottery based.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Make the private:public tag ratio 60:40 across all species of the cwmu plan.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This will absolutely destroy the Utah hunting community. If residents have to draw a less than premium hunt with one or two points then wait 5 years to draw again after the waiting period. your looking at elk hunting in Utah once every 7 years. No one will want to even try to hunt here and prefer to go out of state. This is a terrible idea and has nothing to do with conservation and everything to do with licensing and tag fees. Every time you try to change the system it gets worse. Stop messing with our traditional draws and hunts. ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS MONEY